

The 2014 *Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este* was held this past weekend on the grounds of the *Grand Hotel Villa d'Este* that is located in a spectacular setting. This gathering of exceptional automobiles is held on the shores Lake Como in Northern Italy, which is regarded as being one of the most beautiful bodies of water in Europe.

Italian collector Corrado Lopresto's one-off Aprile-bodied 1931 *Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Spider* seen above, won the coveted *Coppa d'Oro* (best of show) in the prestigious event. Look for a feature to follow this week with images by Pavel Novitski of the event that is considered to be among the best of its type in the world.



Photos of a circa 1932 event courtesy of Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este

In the meantime, we thought it would be a good opportunity to share with you some early photos of the event and tell you a bit more about it. The original Coppa d'Oro Villa d'Este, an international Concours d'Elegance for motorcars, was held for the first time on September 1, 1929, following the joining of the Automobile Club of Como, and the Grand Hotel Villa d'Este. The gathering was last held in its original form with the then new post-war vehicles in 1949.



Italian automotive historian and author Tito Anselmi revived the *Consorso* in 1986 with the help of the *Grand Hotel Villa d'Este*. Unfortunately, it was another nine years before the next *Concorso* was held again in 1995. Two more followed in 1996 and 1997, and it has been held yearly since 1999. You can visit with the *Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este* who has supplied the black and white photos to learn more about the present day event and its detailed history.

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